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President's Message

I am pleased to be your Emeriti Association president for this coming year and look forward to seeing many of you at our fall and spring luncheons. This year, the Emeriti Association fall luncheon will be held on Friday, September 27; details are provided elsewhere on this page. The focus of the luncheon will be the awarding of fellowships, and we will be giving 12 $1,000 fellowships with funds made possible by donations from you, our members, the Fellowship Fund drive we conducted in 2016-17, which raised $35,000 for our Emeriti Fellowship Fund endowment, and some endowed fellowships honoring specified emeriti. The interest from the endowments will be used for the $12,000 in fellowships. It is noteworthy that the amount we award each year surpasses the amounts offered by all other California State University emeriti and emeriti/staff associations.



At the upcoming luncheon, each recipient will be honored and will give a brief presentation about his or her accomplishments, academic pursuits, and professional goals. It is always rewarding and inspiring to hear about their accomplishments, obstacles they have overcome, and plans for the future. I encourage each of you to attend.

When our Emeriti Association was established in 1978, the University was in the throes of establishing and maintaining a strong academic governance structure. Cal State LA was a leading campus in this effort. Our Emeriti Association was founded in that environment, and

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Fall Emeriti Luncheon Will Honor 2019-20 Fellowship and Scholarship Awardees

On Friday, September 27, 10 graduate fellowship and two undergraduate scholarship recipients will be honored at the annual emeriti fall luncheon, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Golden Eagle Ballroom 1. Each recipient will speak about how the award will help the student achieve his or her personal and professional goals.

Fourteen emeriti reviewed applications submitted by students electronically to select the award recipients for the 2019-20 academic year. Seven of this year's awards are funded by the Emeriti Fellowship Fund, which supports students pursuing a graduate degree in any field. Three of these awards are named in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to the University or the Cal State LA Emeriti Association: Sidney P. Albert, Carol J. Smallenburg, and James M. Rosser.

Another five awards being given this year are supported by endowments created by individuals or groups in memory of or to honor someone. As determined by the donors, these awards are for students pursuing degrees in specific areas. They are the *Roland Carpenter Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship* for an upper division undergraduate or graduate student in physics with an interest in astronomy or astrophysics; *Brodwin Family Fellowship/Scholarship in Rehabilitation Counseling* for a graduate student in counseling, rehabilitation counseling option; *David Cameron Fisher Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship/Graduate Fellowship* for a graduate or undergraduate student in marine biology or environmental science; *William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship* for a graduate student in history or political science; and *Vicente Zapata Undergraduate Scholarship* for an upper division undergraduate student in public health. (A complete list of Emeriti Association scholarships and fellowships, and selection criteria, can be found on the Emeriti Association webpage, http://www.calstatela.edu/emeriti.)

Fall

LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM 1
COST: $40 PER PERSON

Send check payable to the Emeriti Association, along with your entrée choice: grilled salmon with mango salsa, chicken piccata with lemon caper sauce, or hanger steak with wild mushroom sauce, to Marshall Cates, 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103 ***no later than Monday, September 16***. For additional information, call Marshall at 626-792-9118 or email him at marshallcates@gmail.com.

Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence Awards

Amy Vasquez, who is pursuing her M.S. in environmental science, spent many of her summers along with her sister in the Dominican Republic, their parents' homeland. It was during those sum-

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Celebrate Lifelong Learning at Cal State LA!

By Peter Brier

On Friday, October 18, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in a Golden Eagle Ballroom, the Board of Directors of Lifelong Learning and the executive committee of the Emeriti Association cordially invite emeriti and other members of the campus community who are interested in Lifelong Learning to attend a celebration of nearly 15 years of service to senior citizens throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles.

The many emeriti who have presented in our program, together with the activity directors from the senior residences and community centers who have hosted Lifelong Learning presentations, will be our special guests. Senior students from the program will also attend. A festive buffet, assorted beverages, and happy reminiscing promise a good time for all.

For further information, or to RSVP that you will attend, contact me at pbrier@yahoo.com or 626-376-0300.

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Professional and Personal

Stanley Burstein (History) interviewed assistant professor Timothy Doran about his new book, *Spartan Oliganthropia*, during a special lecture in the University Library on February 14. He also delivered the 2019 Zamankos Endowed Lecture, titled "Africa Meets Greece: The Case of Kush," at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell on March 19.

Domnita Dumitrescu (Spanish) gave the following presentations: "Las reseñas de *Hispania* al correr del tiempo: siempre al tanto de las últimas novedades académicas," at the 100th Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Salamanca, Spain, June 25-28, 2018; "La enseñanza de la pragmática a los estudiantes de español como segunda lengua," at the 2nd Congress of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language in Washington, D.C, October 5-7, 2018; invited plenary session: "Actos de habla a través de las culturas: Implicaciones para la enseñanza del español como L2," at Jornadas de actualización en español como lengua extranjera, Universidad de Costa Rica, April 24, 2019; and "Variación lingüística y modelos de lengua en las aulas estadounidenses: Resultados de un cuestionario," at the 101st Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, San Diego, July 8-11, 2019, where she was also honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Her recent publications include "Hacia un modelo integrado de la enseñanza del español a los hispanounidenses a nivel universitario: El caso de Los Ángeles," *La presencia hispana y el español de los Estados Unidos: Unidad en la diversidad,* edited by Rosa Tezanos-Pinto, New York, Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española, 2017 (published in 2018); "Proyectos colaborativos actuales de la ANLE," *Glosas,* vol. 9, núm. 5, September 2018; and "Las reseñas de *Hispania,* al correr del tiempo: Siempre al tanto de las últimas novedades académicas," *Hispania,* 101.4, December 2018. Her contract as book review editor of *Hispania* has been renewed for three more years, 2020 to 2022. She was re-elected United States and Canada delegate of the ALFAL (Asociacion de Lingüística y Filología de la América Latina).

Perry S. Ganas (Physics) was a recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award as of 2019.

Harold Goldwhite (Chemistry) gave a talk titled "Francis Galton: Fingerprints and Eugenics" at the South Pasadena Senior Center on April 19.

John Kirchner (Geography) presented "The Galapagos Islands: In the Footsteps of Charles Darwin" at MonteCedro Creative Living in Altadena on June 12.

Louis R. Negrete (Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies) is the author of a book, *Chicano Homeland: The Movement in East Los Angeles for Mexican American Power, Justice, and Equality,* published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, February 2017. The book was recently featured in the *Digital Journal* on December 12, 2018.

Martin Schiesl (History) wrote a biographical entry on medical technician and lawyer, state executive, and judge Alice Athenia Lytle in 2019. The entry is posted on the website http://www.BlackPast.org.

Send information about your activities, in Emeritimes *format, to* The Emeritimes *in care of the editor. We want to hear from you!*

Emeriti Association Welcomes Three New Life Members

Three emerita/us faculty members have recently joined the Emeriti Association.

LESLIE JANE PARK
(Life Emerita Member)

LORI KIM
(Annual Emerita Member)

PARVIZ PARTOW-NAVID
(Life Emeritus Member)

We welcome them and look forward to their participation in Association activities.

Provost Lynn Mahoney Becomes the 14th President of San Francisco State University

Lynn Mahoney, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Cal State LA since 2015, became the 14th president of San Francisco State University (SFSU) and the first woman appointed to serve in that role in a permanent capacity. Mahoney succeeds Leslie E. Wong, who retired in July after 46 years in higher education, including service as SFSU president for the past seven years.

As Cal State LA's provost, Mahoney served as chief academic officer and oversaw the University's eight colleges and the library. She also oversaw all academic support units, held divisional responsibility for the allocation of resources, and chaired the University Resource Allocation Committee. She served as an ex-officio member of the Academic Senate and chaired the University Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee. She came to Cal State LA from CSU Long Beach, where she was interim vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies.

Ronald H. Silverman Fine Arts Gallery Dedicated

Cal State LA has named the Fine Arts Gallery as the Ronald H. Silverman Fine Arts Gallery, honoring the legacy of the distinguished late emeritus professor of art and alumnus, who died in 2017. Silverman received an MA in art education from the University in 1955 and spent more than three decades teaching, mentoring, and sharing his passion for art with students. He also established the Ronald Silverman Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide financial support to students pursuing arts education.

On May 9, a ceremony was held honoring a generous gift from Silverman's son Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Amelia Pérez-Silverman, both Cal State LA alumni and longtime supporters and friends of the University. Also in attendance was Ron's wife Marilyn. Jeffrey Silverman stated, "Even though we have science-based backgrounds, Amelia and I wanted to take this opportunity to support a critical, but often overlooked, part of a liberal arts education, and what better way than to support a gallery focused on exhibiting the work of both our students and community artists."

The gallery hosts a wide range of visual arts and cultural exhibitions, including a recent

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Courtesy of Cal State LA Public Affairs

Ronald Silverman's son Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Amelia Pérez-Silverman pose alongside the new Gallery signage.

Brodwin Family Establishes Counseling Fellowship/Scholarship

Emeritus professor of education Martin Brodwin and his family have created an endowment for a student in the M.S. degree program in counseling, option in rehabilitation counseling, or the B.S. program in rehabilitation services, to be administered by the Emeriti Association. He retired from the Charter College of Education in 2014.

Prior to joining the Cal State LA faculty in 1988, Brodwin was the coordinator of research in the Vocational Services Department at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey; director of clinical rehabilitation services in Los Angeles; and, with his wife, founders of a counseling agency.

Brodwin has a long and impressive record of commitment and contributions to the field of rehabilitation counseling, including numerous books and articles and distinguished service on professional boards, as well as to the students pursuing a degree in the field. Among his many awards are the 2005-06 Cal State LA President's Distinguished Professor Award and the 2004 California State University Wang Family Excellence Award, which is given for exemplary dedication, contributions, and academic achievement in teaching, and extraordinary commitment to students, the University, and the CSU system. The Brodwin family also supports scholarships in the Charter College of Education.

Cantú Praised for 12th Annual Gaucher-Morales Conference

By Stanley M. Burstein

The Emeriti Association continued its cosponsorship of the annual Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference this past spring. The 12th annual conference, held in Cal State LA's Music Hall on April 12 and 13, was particularly noteworthy because it was the final conference organized by Roberto Cantú, professor emeritus of Chicano Studies and English. Under his expert guidance, the conferences have become major events in the study of Mesoamerican civilization, Mexican literature, and Mexican-American culture, humanism, and global modernities.

The topic of the 2019 conference was Mexican Muralists: Their Art, Their Lives, and Their Times. It was an especially appropriate subject because Southern California is home to two of their major works: José Clemente Orozco's *Prometheus*, which has been on display at Pomona College since 1930; and David Alfaro Siqueiros' *America Tropical*, which was recently rediscovered after being covered up shortly after its completion in 1932. Like previous conferences, the 2019 conference was international in scope,

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Reminder: Dues Policy

The Emeriti Association's fiscal year extends from July 1 to June 30. Dues paid between June 1 and June 30 are credited for the coming fiscal year starting July 1. Dues paid on or before May 31 are credited to the current fiscal year.

Campus News

Executive VP José A. Gomez Named Interim Provost

With the recent departure of provost and vice president for academic affairs Lynn Mahoney to assume the presidency of San Francisco State University, executive vice president and chief operating officer José A. Gomez was appointed as interim provost, effective July 1, 2019, while a nationwide search is conducted for a permanent replacement.

Octavio Villalpando Named VP, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Octavio Villalpando was named Cal State LA's first vice president for equity, diversity, and inclusion, effective July 1, 2019. He came to Cal State LA as the University's first vice provost for diversity and inclusion and University diversity officer. Working collaboratively with campus communities, Villalpando is instrumental in the development and implementation of the strategic planning for diversity and inclusion, as well as efforts to strengthen student learning and engagement.

Other Academic Affairs Appointments

Nancy McQueen was named interim associate vice president for faculty affairs, effective August 19, 2019. McQueen took over the position previously held by Michael Caldwell, who left the University to become senior systemwide director for academic personnel at the Chancellor's Office. She has been serving as associate dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences since 2017 and as acting associate dean for three years prior to her permanent appointment.

Kaveri Subrahmanyam has been appointed to replace McQueen as interim associate dean, effective as of the same date. Subrahmanyam has been serving as chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies since 2016. She joined Cal State LA as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology in 1996.

Outstanding Faculty Honored at Fall Convocation

At the Fall Convocation on August 19, six Cal State LA faculty were recognized for excellence in teaching and outstanding achievements. This year's President's Distinguished Professor is **Sachiko Matsunaga** (Japanese), a leader in her field who also serves as chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. She has served on the Japan Foundation Consultant

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mers that she developed a strong interest in a wide range of animals and their habitats. In college, she took every opportunity to work with animals, eventually expanding her interests to the ecosystems in which they live. During a study abroad program in Tanzania, Vasquez learned how field research could be used to influence policy and shape management practices to benefit wildlife and humans. This experience convinced her to pursue a master's degree. Encounters at Tufts University as an undergraduate also led her to become more involved with social justice movements on campus, as she witnessed and learned about environmental and racial injustices affecting her community. Based on these experiences, her goal is to earn a Ph.D. and pursue a career as an urban wildlife ecologist. Vasquez is a member of the Cal State L.A. Naturalist Club and the Black Student Union. In 2017, she was the recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Award.

In 2013, having already worked as a cookbook editor and authored a book about living well on a tight budget, **Califia Suntree** realized the dream of a lifetime, a contract to publish her own cookbook. In preparation for that book, she started to develop and test recipes and research the health benefits of cooking for oneself instead of eating out. As she recalls, "up to my ears in government health statistics, safe food-storage charts, and macronutrient and calorie analyses," she discovered her true calling—nutrition. This realization led Suntree to start taking classes, which eventually led her to the coordinated dietetics master's degree program at Cal State LA. As a registered dietitian, she will build on her passions for cooking and food culture, customer service, and communications to fulfill what she sees as the core responsibility of dietetics: reconnecting health and diet. Her reference writes that Suntree is methodical, smart, and rises to any occasion. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Vassar College.

Gore Kachatrian, who is pursuing a master's degree in healthcare management, is the recipient of the *James M. Rosser Emeriti Fellowship for Academic Excellence*. His interest in healthcare management was deeply influenced by the loss of several family members when he was young. The losses took not only an emotional toll, but demanded that he take on a great deal of responsibility at a young age to help the family. Kachatrian's experiences made him aware of the critical need for people to be aware of healthcare opportunities, decision making, guidance, and leadership that can and should be available and provided to patients and their families during these times. His goal is to provide leadership to a healthcare organization to deliver high quality, compassionate services that respect the individual and family and keep them informed and active participants in the decision-making process. Kachatrian has done extensive community service and extracurricular work, served as the president of the Cal State LA Armenian Student Association, and is a member of the Cal State LA chapters of Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key International.

Recipient of the *Carol J. Smallenburg Emeriti Fellowship for Academic Excellence* is **Jewelyn Mims**, pursuing both a master's degree in history and a secondary teaching credential in the Charter College of Education. She comes from a line of educators—both her parents and grandparents taught at various levels of the education system—and has been a substitute teacher in the Pasadena Unified School District since 2009. Mims received her B.A. in history in 2008 from UC Riverside, with a concentration in ancient Greece and Rome, while dealing with sickle cell disease. A bone marrow transplant in 2009 has made a difference in her life and allowed her to pursue her goal of earning a master's degree and becoming a full-time teacher. She recently presented at the 2019 Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities and the Significations 24th Annual Graduate Student Conference. She was asked by a history professor to be a research assistant and co-curator of an art exhibit co-sponsored by the *Los Angeles Times*, titled *The LA River: The Past, the Present, and the Future.* Mims was on the Dean's List at UC Riverside multiple times and is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and the Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic Honor Society.

Liliana Camacho, who is pursuing a master's degree in English, is the recipient of the *Sidney P. Albert Emeriti Fellowship for Academic Excellence*. She plans to earn a doctorate with a focus on children's literature. As a professor, she would like to use picture books to help students enhance and develop their reading and critical-thinking skills. Camacho notes that children's literature is inviting to both its child and adult audiences, and thereby addresses reading fluency issues in college students by engaging them in non-intimidating texts while still being academically rigorous. Her interest is strongly influenced by what she saw around her while growing up in public housing in Los Angeles. At the earliest ages, children, including many of her peers and members of her family, did not have reading material to engage them and keep them connected. She states, "I want to write multilingual picture books that introduce children and adults to various fields—math, reading and writing, science, history—in engaging and accessible texts." Camacho teaches English 1005A and 1005B at Cal State LA in addition to working as a tutor in the Writing Center and serving as vice president of the English Graduate Student Association. She is the 2019 David L. Kubal Essay Contest winner and has presented at five professional conferences.

Influenced by her upbringing in a predominantly low-income neighborhood where she witnessed the psychological and physical impact of family violence, trauma, and abuse on friends and peers, **Rebecca Ruiz** chose to pursue her master's degree in social work. She observes that the victims "… were kind-hearted souls who received no help and often turned to negative coping strategies, including drugs, gangs and violence. A lot of them ended up in jail or dead…." Her goal is to work with at-risk youth and individuals involved in the criminal justice system through community prevention and intervention efforts to reduce crime and violence. She currently interns as a group facilitator for court-approved treatment groups for men who have been arrested for domestic violence. The youngest in her family, Ruiz is the first to attend college. While an undergraduate at CSU Long Beach, she used public transportation to get to and from school, a three-hour commute each way. Nonetheless, she maintained a 4.0 grade-point average and received an Outstanding Senior in Psychology award for superior academic performance and service to the department, was on the President's Honors List in 2015-16 and 2016-17, and received an Exceptional Student Achievement Award in 2017. She continues to work as a research assistant at CSU Long Beach in the Culture and Violence Laboratory.

After completing his master's degree in biology, **Tyler Powell** plans to earn a Ph.D. in immunology. The major factor influencing his pursuit of higher education is his mother, the youngest of six children and the only one to earn not just one, but two, college degrees—bachelor's and master's. She provided her son with the support and encouragement to make education a priority that she did not have as a child. His own personal experiences having contributed to his career and professional interests, Powell's goal is to work in the biotech industry in order to find ways to eliminate some of the long-term side effects experienced by cancer patients after CAR T (chimeric antigen receptor) cell therapy and to develop autoimmune disease therapeutics, antibiotics, or vaccines. He is vice president of the Cal State LA student chapter of the American Society for Microbiology, a member of the Chemistry Club, and a tutor at the University Tutorial Center, as well as a volunteer in Edith Porter's laboratory. Powell has been selected as a fellow in the highly competitive Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate program and he recently won first place in the biological sciences poster session of the 2019 Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities.

Emeriti Association Endowed Scholarship and Fellowships

Recipient of the *Brodwin Family Fellowship in Rehabilitation Counseling* is **Katrina Stanley**, who has faced challenges that few students have had to face. At the age of 23, about to begin college for the second time, Stanley learned that she was losing her eyesight. Initially overwhelmed when she learned of this life-changing condition, she

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began to take charge of her life rather than allow her condition to take charge of her. She began taking classes at Los Angeles City College, and while there were challenges, she made important supportive connections and even formed a club to raise awareness on the campus about student disabilities. Other challenges ensued, but she persevered and eventually transferred to Cal State LA where, despite feeling terrified, Stanley met a wonderful group of students and faculty. She soon became active in the Rehabilitation Counseling Association and found a position as a resident assistant in student housing. Now nearing the end of her master's degree program in counseling with an option in rehabilitation counseling, Stanley has found her purpose. Her thesis project examines students who are homeless and disabled to help advocate for better support for this population. Following graduation, she plans to obtain her doctorate so that she can continue to advocate, teach, and research special populations.

The 2019-20 *David Cameron Fisher Memorial Graduate Fellowship* is awarded to **Simone Benjamin**, who is working on her M.S. in environmental biology after earning her B.S. degree in biology with a minor in Pan-African studies. Her passion for this field began in grade school when her single-parent mother enrolled her in a biological magnet school. Her choice to pursue a career in environmental science was made after doing work for an environmental laboratory testing for semi-volatile organic compounds in surface water, soil, and groundwater present throughout industrial parks. In addition to school, Benjamin works as a Scientist II for an environmental consulting company. She believes that "more companies should provide incentives to create or develop more sustainable, repurposed, and overall environmentally friendly products." Her goal is to earn a Ph.D. and become a college professor, where she can be a role model and inspiration for first-generation, historically underrepresented students. Benjamin's extensive record of community and extracurricular service includes serving on the Environmental Policy Committee of Associated Students, Inc. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and two-time recipient (2017 and 2018) of the Johnson and Johnson Earthwards Award.

Robert Arévalo, recipient of the *Roland Carpenter Memorial Scholarship*, is a DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) student who emigrated from El Salvador when he was nine. He is working on his B.S. in physics, with coursework preparing him to reach one of his goals, a Ph.D. in astrophysics. In addition to teaching and doing research, he plans to write science fiction novels and nonfiction books on distant life on other planets and the relevance of philosophy to science. Both of Arévalo's parents had science and engineering backgrounds and instilled in him a passion for science. In high school, he joined the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement) program that further stimulated his interest in physics and engineering, and helped him realize the significance and importance of physics. Arévalo has worked as a researcher for the Service Employees International Union, a professional union site organizer, and a leader in the Fight For $15 movement. Currently, he tutors in physics and calculus courses at the Los Angeles City College (LACC) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy and is a supplemental instructor, mentoring the calculus and linear algebra courses. He has received numerous awards, including the Cal Bridge Scholarship Award and two LACC Foundation awards: the President's Scholar Award (2015) and the Edison STEM Scholar's Award (2017).

The William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship is awarded to **Cyrene Cruz**, pursuing her master's degree in history, who plans to obtain a Ph.D. in ancient history with an emphasis in archaeology. One of the factors that motivates her is the lack of historical representation of women and other minority populations, resulting in a lack of diversity in the fields of ancient history and the classics. She states, "While historical silences primarily stem from a dearth of written and archaeological evidence, I believe that students with diverse backgrounds such as my own can engage with existing evidence in new ways, returning agency to groups traditionally silenced by a lack of diversity in the field." She plans to use an interdisciplinary approach to concentrate on the question of women's agency in the highly patriarchal societies of the ancient world. In addition to community service and volunteer work, Cruz works as a student assistant in the University Library, Special Collection and Archives, where she helped to curate two library exhibits. She previously worked as a teaching assistant and as a tutor in the University Writing Center. As an undergraduate, Cruz was on the Dean's List each term for three years, graduating summa cum laude in 2017. She has received a number of scholarships, including the Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Scholarship, Howard Starret Memorial Scholarship in History, and Dr. and Mrs. David Miller Scholarship in History, all in 2018.

Recipient of the *Vicente Zapata Undergraduate Scholarship* is **René Paredes**. After earning a B.S. degree in public health, Paredes plans to pursue a master's degree in nutritional science. While Paredes is the first in the family to attend college, the family always spoke of the importance of education and expressed encouragement. However, during the early years in college, Paredes felt disorganized and confused, like many first-in-the-family college students. While the family was as supportive as they could be, they could not help with the specifics and details of being a college student. But as time went on, Paredes writes, "I have grown increasingly strong-willed and confident in my pursuits." Paredes intends to use a passion for learning, personal experiences, and "intersecting identities in the pursuit of justice in relation to health, wellness, food access, and nutrition." Paredes' extensive volunteer work and community service includes the Farmer's Market Recovery Program at Food Forward, Safe Zone training at Los Angeles Pierce College, Somos Familia, and Silverado Hospice. Honors include President's and Dean's Honor recipient at Los Angeles Pierce College, as well as the Cal State LA Dean's List each term from Fall 2016 through Fall 2018.

Special thanks to the following individuals who participated in the review of the many outstanding applications and made the difficult decisions that led to the selection of the 12 Emeriti Association 2019-20 fellowship and scholarship recipients: **Bill Taylor**, **Carl Selkin**, **Costello Brown**, **Dorothy Keane**, **Gary Novak**, **Janet Fisher-Hoult**, **John Cleman**, **José Galván**, **Kathy Reilly**, **Martin Huld**, **Martin Brodwin**, **Mary Falvey**, **Steven Felszeghy**, and **Vicente Zapata**.

For more information about reviewing fellowship applications next spring—all now done online—contact Alfredo González, Fellowship Committee chair, at alfredo@cslanet.calstatela.edu.

Nine Faculty Join the Emeriti Ranks

The following six retired faculty members have been awarded emerita/us status:

MARY BUCCI BUSH
(English, 1993-2019)

JOSÉ CRUZ GONZÁLEZ
(Theatre Arts, 1990-2019)

EDWARD WEITE HSIEH
(Economics and Statistics, 1989-2019)

HAE-KYUNG LEE
(Dance, 1993-2019)

SACHIKO MATSUNAGA
(Japanese, 1995-2019)

PARVIZ PARTOW-NAVID
(Information Systems, 1983-2019)

We congratulate them and hope to welcome them into the membership of the Emeriti Association.

Posthumous emeritus status has been conferred upon the following deceased faculty members:

DANIEL R. DECHAINE
(Liberal Studies and Communication Studies, 2004-2018)

JAMES M. GARRETT
(English, 2003-2017)

KENNETH RYAN
(Library, 1988-2017)

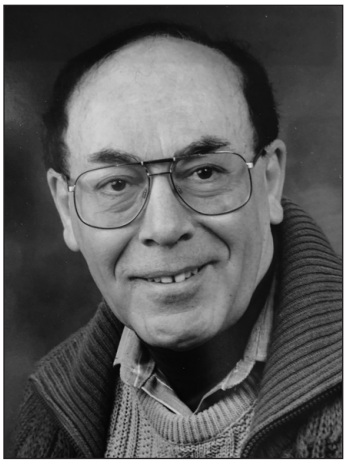
In Memoriam

Abdallah J. Beddawi

Professor of French, 1963-1997

Abdallah J. Beddawi, emeritus professor of French, died on January 1 at his home in La Cañada-Flintridge.

Born in Damascus, Syria to Mohammed Jamal Beddawi and Sulimeh Sherbaji Omarain, Abdallah was a precocious child who displayed great promise for continued scholarly attainment that would never stop. Despite his family's modest means, he attended a prestigious private school, Collège



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des Frères, in Damascus, where he learned both French and English. He went on to study at Syrian (now Damascus) University and completed a B.A. in international law with a minor in social studies in 1954.

As a teenager and through his early 20s, Abdallah worked part-time as a journalist and correspondent for *Al-Ayam* and *Al Alalm*, daily newspapers, and as a translator and writer for the magazines *Al Raqeeb* and *Al Dunia*. He also worked for the U.S. Information Office in Syria. While studying law, he edited Syrian University's weekly paper.

In 1954, Abdallah came to the United States and enrolled at UC Berkeley, from which he graduated with an M.A. in economics in 1957, along with a secondary teaching credential. During this time, he wrote about American life and culture for newspapers and magazines in Damascus. He also served as president of the Arab Students Association for two semesters.

After graduation, Abdallah went to Grenoble, France for advanced studies in French literature (Doctorat d'Université from the University of Paris, 1966) and to fulfill a lifelong dream of seeing the world. His travels took him to the Middle East, Europe, and North America. In the fall of 1960, he accepted his first position as assistant professor of French at Portland State University in Oregon. It was there that he met his wife Sharon at the university library, where they were both doing research. Although he liked Oregon's natural beauty and friendly people, he was not a fan of the cold and rainy weather. When he was offered a similar position at Cal State LA, he accepted immediately. He later returned to France to continue his research and complete his dissertation at the University of Paris and the University of Montpellier.

Professional activities during Abdallah's Cal State LA career included diverse service within and external to the University. In 1967, he was the French language coordinator for the Peace Corps cohort to Malaysia. The following year, Indiana State University awarded him a research grant and a visiting professorship in 20th-century French literature. From 1973 to 1976, he was department chair at Cal State LA. In 1978-79, he directed the Study Abroad Program in Aix-en-Provence, France. Abdallah presented his research at local, national, and international conferences and his publications included *Les Justes de Camus ne sont pas tres Justes* and *The Love Theme as Genre in French Cinema.* He was a member of the Malraux Society, the Executive Council of the Modern and Classical Language Association of Southern California, the Editorial Board of *La Revue du Pacific*, and the CSU Comparative Literature section.

Abdallah enjoyed teaching. Among his favorite classes were French Film (taught in English) and Francophone Writers, taught in collaboration with Jeanine Gaucher-Morales. His students were his top priority and he remained a dedicated faculty member until his retirement in 1997. It was early in the 1990s that he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and, although he continued to teach part-time, he chose to retire completely when walking became a challenge. He never traveled again, but he found great pleasure spending time with his granddaughters, reading, and watching classic films. Westerns were his preferred genre, but *Casablanca* was his favorite film. Indeed, when he arrived at Cal State LA more than 50 years ago, it was *the beginning of a beautiful friendship*.

Abdallah is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons Marc and André; and two granddaughters.

Erwin Dale Carter, Jr.

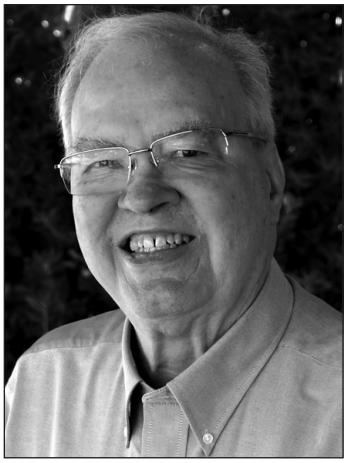
Professor of Spanish, 1966-1997

Erwin Dale Carter, Jr., emeritus professor of Spanish, died on May 14 in Van Nuys. He was 84.

Known by his middle name, Dale was born on October 28, 1934 in Portales, New Mexico, and moved with his family to California as a child. He graduated from John C. Fremont High School in Los Angeles in 1951 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955. Thanks to the GI Bill and the National Defense Education Fellowship, he continued his studies and received A.B. (1958) and A.M. (1959) degrees from what was then Long Beach State College, followed by a master's degree (1963) and Ph.D. (1966) from the University of Southern California in Spanish language and literature.

In 1966, Dale began teaching Spanish at Cal State LA, where he taught thousands of students until his retirement in 1997. He was passionate about his specialty, contemporary Latin American fiction, and authored many works of literary criticism on Argentine authors such as Jorge Luis Borges and Julio Cortázar. Among his many achievements was a Fulbright fellowship in Argentina from 1972-73, which gave him a chance to meet some of the writers he studied—and visit their favorite haunts. The fellowship in Argentina initiated a lifelong friendship with Rubén and Alicia Bilbao.

In 1990, Dale received the Outstanding Professor Award from Cal State LA. Apart from teaching, he served for many years on the For-



Courtesy of the Carter Family

eign Language Advisory Panel of California's Commission on Teacher Credentials. Due to his valuable administrative skills, he was called out of retirement to serve as chair of the Cal State LA Theatre Arts and Dance department. He also worked as a translator and had a second career as a bookseller, specializing in mystery novels.

Dale and his wife Virginia were married in 1969 and moved into their home in Van Nuys a year later, which they shared for the rest of his life. He had many hobbies and interests over the years. He flew small planes for several years out of nearby Van Nuys Airport; enjoyed playing tennis, Scrabble, cards, and casino games; and loved watching football, especially his beloved USC Trojans. He enjoyed spending time with his family at the vacation home he built in South Lake Tahoe.

Dale is survived by his wife of 49 years, Virginia; daughters Susan and Nicole and son Eric and their spouses; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Glenda and brother-in-law Jack; and many nieces, nephews, cousins,

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and friends. A memorial service was held on May 31 at Catholic Cemeteries and Mortuaries in Mission Hills.

Joseph A. Chrzanowski

Professor of Spanish, 1969-2001

Joseph A. Chrzanowski, emeritus professor of Spanish, died on June 8 at the age of 77, surrounded by loving family at his home in Los Angeles.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island to Adolph J. Chrzanowski and Helen Stanczyk Chrzanowski, Joe spent his youth as a fourth-generation resident of Easton, enjoying Boy Scouts, Little League,



Courtesy of the Chrzanowski Family

fishing, driving his hot rod, and delivering milk for Marsh Dairy. He attended Samuel Staples Elementary School and Fairfield Preparatory School. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

Upon his return, Joe attended Fairfield University in Connecticut, where he developed a deep appreciation for education and for the Spanish language. After receiving his A.B. in 1966, he went on to earn an M.A in 1967 and a Ph.D. in Spanish literature in 1971 from Pennsylvania State University.

Joe spent his entire career at Cal State LA, beginning in 1969. His specialization was Spanish-American literature, particularly the 20th century novel, short story, and theater. He made many contributions to the field through his publications, his long relationship with the Educational Testing Service, and his participation in professional meetings. When he was chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, colleagues noted his leadership qualities, mentoring abilities, and commitment to fairness and objectivity in dealing with the Department's wants and needs, especially in an era of budgetary limitations. He was meticulous in preparing for his classes; students always commented on how well they understood the novel or short story after he gave them strategies on how to analyze literature. The consensus among his colleagues is that, through his demeanor and actions, Joe represented the University and the Department in good light.

In addition to his professional activities, Joe had many interests and passions. He loved playing golf, playing his piano, and traveling, especially to Spain. He made people feel at ease in his presence with his great sense of humor, big smile, and a twinkle in his eye. When it came to buying, selling, or trading, he excelled at negotiating the best deal. He even demonstrated his carpentry and building skills by constructing an addition to his house in Arcadia.

Joe will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Ana, children Joseph Jr. and Jennifer, sister Mary, brothers Thomas and Michael, and four grandchildren. A celebration of Joe's life was held on June 25 at the Commerce Hill Funeral Home in Bridgeport, Connecticut, followed by internment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Saralyn Ruth Daly

Professor of English, 1962-1988

Saralyn Ruth Daly, emerita professor of English and writer of fiction and poetry, died on August 1, 2018 from pneumonia and complications of leukemia in Tujunga. She was 94. Her specializations were in medieval English and comparative literature, linguistics, and creative writing.

Saralyn was born in Huntington, West Virginia on May 11, 1924 to Ruth Kaufman Daly, herself a teacher and writer, and John Ross Daly. One of three children, she spent much of her childhood



Courtesy of Paula Montgomery

in the place of her birth. She earned her B.A. in 1944 from what was then San Jose State College, followed by her M.A. in 1945 and Ph.D. in 1950 from The Ohio State University.

Before joining the Cal State LA faculty in 1962, Saralyn taught at College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas; Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas; and Texas Christian University. In a biographical sketch, she described, "As a teacher, I work at helping students reconstruct cultural images relative to the language structures by which artifacts we study may be understood. My focus is on exploring a variety of cognitive processes, a study in which I participate to the end of learning more effective modes of communication." Her work in developing multicultural modes of teaching writing to Cal State LA's diverse student body was funded as an innovative project by the CSU Chancellor's Office.

While at Cal State LA, Saralyn gained international teaching experience through Fulbright Scholar appointments in Lebanon (1964-65), Japan (1967-68), and Burundi (1970-71) that provided her insights into a variety of approaches to teaching. While teaching at the American University of Beirut, she had her first African students, who introduced her to African literature written in English. When she returned to Cal State LA, she began to introduce these works into her literature courses. Feeling the need to widen her own African experience, she applied for the Fulbright position in Burundi. Upon her return, she taught an African graduate seminar and later, an undergraduate proseminar on the African novel. Her courses included graduate and special topics seminars on subjects as varied as Chaucer's works, African literature written in French and English, and the writing process. She also collaborated with colleagues on interdisciplinary course development. She participated on department and school committees.

Saralyn presented at numerous national conferences, including those of the National Council of Teachers of English and the Modern Language Association. Her scholarly publications include *Katherine Mansfield* and the verse translation of Juan Ruiz' *The Book of True Love*. Her fictional work has appeared in *A Shout in the Street*, *Beyond Baroque, Bywords*, *Descant*, *Epos*, and *Western Humanities Review*. In addition to the three Fulbright awards, she received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1979 and 1980-81. She was a member of The Medieval Academy of America and the Modern Language Association. Awards and honors include the 1978-79 Henry Morton Landon Translation Award from the Academy of American Poets, for *The Book of True Love*, and the Cal State LA Outstanding Professor Award for 1979-80.

Saralyn loved words and books. Caregiver and friend Paula Montgomery says that Saralyn wrote every day—her thoughts, her dreams, her writing ideas, her conversations. She wrote lengthy letters. She documented and chronicled everything, as her mother had written her own autobiography and influenced her to do similarly. Up until a few months before her death, she was planning to write her next book—a murder mystery. She wrote poetry, short stories, novels, romance novels, and screenplays. She was still buying books until she

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was past age 90, and frequently had three or four open on her table at a time. On her bookshelves were over 3,000 books at the time of her death.

She was what Montgomery called an extroverted introvert—someone who loved to chat and visit with those she cared about, but then wanted them to go home so she could retreat to her privacy, which was paramount. At the end of the day, it was her cats, her books, and her beloved hillside that were her best company. She quipped about preferring feline company over people by saying, "Thank God I'm only half human." During the last 12 years of Saralyn's life, Montgomery cared first for Saralyn's cats and then for Saralyn. Her many medical issues required assistance in order for her to stay in her home. But she was fiercely independent, in spite of being legally blind due to macular degeneration, profoundly deaf, and needing her cane to walk.

According to Montgomery, Saralyn was generous to a fault. She donated regularly to a wide assortment of charities and helped personal friends in times of need. "If faced with an impasse, usually between friends, she would close the argument by saying, 'Well, who cares?'" She was discriminating, witty, impish, endlessly curious, and brilliant. She was my 'most unforgettable character.'"

Saralyn is survived by her younger sister, Mary Alyce; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Dart.

Stephanie Elaine Edwards Evans

Professor of Education, 1987-2012

Stephanie Elaine Edwards Evans, emerita professor of education, died on May 28 from colon cancer at the age of 77. She taught in the Division of Applied and Advanced Studies in Education until the completion of her Faculty Early Retirement Program service in Spring 2016.

Stephanie was born in 1942 in Kansas City, Missouri to Shannon Jenkins from Shreveport, Louisiana and Carl Edwards from the island of Dominica, who met while attending Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. After their marriage dissolved, her mother married Elmer Lewis, who moved the family to Los Angeles, where Stephanie received her elementary and secondary education in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). She earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Cal State LA, in 1963 and 1965, respectively. While attending Cal State LA, she was a contributing editor to the *Los Angeles Sentinel*, writing articles about college activities. Her Ed.D. was awarded by UCLA in 1976.

Stephanie credited her mother with planting the seed that eventually led her to become a teacher, and from 1963 to 1967, she taught and was a school psychologist in LAUSD. She started teaching at Cal State LA as an adjunct faculty member in counselor education, adult education, and secondary education in the early 1960s, and in 1987, began a tenure track in what was then the educational foundations division in the School of Education. She served for a time as division chair and saw temporary service as chair of the Department of Pan-African Studies during the 1980s.



Courtesy of Brandon Weaver

Stephanie's career also included consulting with the California Department of Education, directing special projects with the Inglewood Unified School District (1973 to 1976), and consulting with the UCLA Commission for Teacher Licensing and Preparation (2000 to 2011).

She participated in scholarly international and national conferences and was invited to represent Cal State LA in Cairo before the Egyptian Minister of Education with a delegation led by Congresswoman Diane Watson. She presented a paper in Tokyo before the International Association of Early Childhood Education, titled "New Directions for Pre-School Children and Providers," which was published in the *International Journal of Early Education*. She authored a textbook, *Let's Think Urban Education*, in its fifth edition, and a workbook, *Urban Education: A Workbook of Activities for Classroom Teachers.* Other publications include "How About Teaching Adult Education Science?" in the *California Science Teachers Journal* and, with Halford H. Fairchild, *African American Dialects and Schooling: A Review.* She served for many years on the editorial board of *Annual Editions in Education* and was featured in a KCET television program on the LAUSD Ten School Project.

Stephanie was an active participant in academic and professional organizations, including Phi Delta Kappa, Pi Lambda Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, American Association of University Women, Association of Black Psychologists, and California Council for Adult Education. Since 2010, she served as chair of the Board of Advisors of the California Council for Veterans Affairs, Inc., a shelter for homeless female veterans in Los Angeles. She received numerous awards in her lifetime, including the Distinguished Women's Award at Cal State LA.

Apart from her academic career, Stephanie did some modeling and appeared on several episodes of the *Flip Wilson Show,* where she could be seen in the Church of What's Happening Now sketches. She was an avid professional boxing fan and loved attending matches in Las Vegas. A patron of the arts, particularly African-American artists' works, her home was filled with paintings, lithographs, and prints of many renowned artists. She was a world traveler and brought students, faculty, and friends to Havana for the Cuban Film Festival as part of the People-to-People program for many years. She was a consultant to the Cuban Film School and brought films back with her to screen during the Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles.

Stephanie is survived by her son Brandon, who cared for her throughout her illness along with her cousin Greta; cousins Dorothy, Shawn, and Claygwen; goddaughters Holly and Danielle; and stepsister Charmae. The funeral service was held on June 5 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood.

Robert H. Ewald

Professor of Anthropology, 1957-1986

Robert H. Ewald, emeritus professor of anthropology, died on February 26 due to Alzheimer's disease. He was 96.

Bob was born on June 4, 1922 in Stephenson, Michigan. Despite being the youngest of 10 children born during the Great Depression, he persevered, starting to work at the age of five selling newspapers on the street. He completed high school and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served on a destroyer escort in the Pacific theater during World War II.

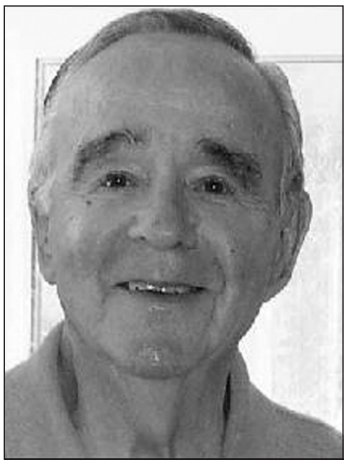
Upon returning home, Bob enrolled in college on the G.I. Bill and then met the love of his life, Helen, known to everyone as Pat. During their early years together, Bob completed his studies in anthropology, earning his B.A. (1950), M.A. (1951), and Ph.D. (1954) from the University of Michigan, one with the birth of each of his children. In 1952, Bob took his wife and two small children to the highlands of Guatemala to complete the field research that became the foundation of his dissertation.

In 1957, Bob was tapped to build the new anthropology department at what was then Los Angeles State College, where he first lectured and later became department chair. He earned many accolades during his long career. He was a Fulbright lecturer, conducted research in Panama, taught in Peru for a year, contributed to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, authored textbooks,

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and participated in the Peace Corps, teaching in Mexico City during the summer of 1966. His published obituary cites that he "never missed an opportunity to work, never took a nickel he did not earn, and taught his children a solid work ethic by example."

In his personal life, Bob was the consummate host, with a marvelous sense of humor, and his puns, according to the family, "were the stuff of legend." Bob and Pat had numerous adventures, spending many years shuttling to their beach house in Mexico, camping, fishing, and



Courtesy of the Ewald Family

traveling. Bob also enjoyed golfing whenever possible. The highlight of these vacations may indeed have been the two trips he made to golf at St. Andrews in Scotland.

After retirement, Bob and Pat moved to Corvallis, Oregon, and later to Spokane, to be closer to their daughter. Although Alzheimer's disease slowly caused his decline, Bob kept his affectionate nature to the end of his life, still blowing kisses to the nursing staff who cared for him in his last days.

Bob is survived by his wife of 71 years, Pat; children Pam, Jim, and Bob and their spouses; three grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Chor Tin Lau

Professor of Accounting, 1985-2003

Chor Tin Lau, emeritus professor of accounting, died on July 14 at the age of 81.

A longtime resident of San Marino and, more recently, Alhambra, Chor began his well-traveled life in Vietnam. Born on May 4, 1938 to Luu Vinh and Quach Dao, he went on to earn his Bachelor of Commerce degree from Sir George Williams University in Montreal (now part of Concordia University) in 1966, his MBA from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario in 1968, and his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 1976.

Chor's degrees were in accounting, and he made his career and found his calling in shaping the minds of future generations as a professor of accounting at Cal State LA, where he taught for 17 years, beginning in 1985. He was very passionate about helping students learn and excel, and they greatly benefited from his expertise



Courtesy of the Lau Family

and pedagogy. He was highly supportive of the students, faculty, and staff, and had a delightful sense of humor.

Colleague Robert Zahary recalls that Chor was responsible for introducing him to Asia. Already a well-respected and published academic when Bob arrived at Cal State LA, Chor was involved with a group of prominent Asian academics who sponsored international conferences on topics of interest regarding Asian and East-West business. The two worked on a couple of papers together that were accepted for a conference in Taiwan and a follow-up at a post-conference presentation at The People's University in Beijing, as well as for publication. "Chor made sure he introduced me to as much as a neophyte on his first trip to Asia could absorb. It was a wonderful event and I have been interested in everything Asian since. I am most thankful to him for his friendship, and for introducing me to a part of the world that I came to love and that has dominated a large part of my life."

Chor's love for teaching and helping people applied to everyone, including his family members and acquaintances, as he later became a knowledgeable and prolific docent at The Huntington library, art collections, and gardens. He cheerfully and cleverly guided visitors through the Chinese Garden, Estate Tour, and Japanese Garden for nearly a decade, continuing his lifelong passion for learning and nurturing growth and knowledge in others.

After his retirement in 2008, Chor continued to stay in touch with faculty and staff and periodically visited the Accounting Department. He also participated in University and emeriti events.

Chor is survived by his wife Kwan; children Philip, Annie, Jonathan, and Amanda; and four grandchildren. Services were held on July 26 in San Gabriel.

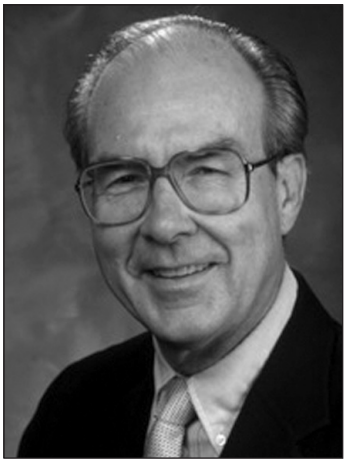
Thomas P. Onak

Professor of Chemistry, 1959-1997

Thomas P. Onak, professor emeritus of chemistry, died at the age of 86 on December 10, in Tucson. He was an accomplished and creative scientist and the epitome of the teacher-scholar. He had a passion for his research on boranes and carboranes and a yearning for teaching.

Tom grew up in La Jolla and attended what was then San Diego State College, earning an A.B. in 1954, followed by his Ph.D. in 1958 from UC Berkeley under the mentorship of Henry Rappaport. He was appointed to the faculty at the Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1959 and, for over 40 years, was an exceptionally distinguished and beloved member of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Tom's honors and professional achievements in his research field are numerous and significant. He conducted research at the University of Cambridge, England as a 1965-66 Fulbright Scholar. Cal State LA honored him as an Outstanding Professor for 1968-69, and from 1973 to 1978, he was the recipient of the Public Health Service Research Career Development Award. In 1990, Tom was the first faculty member at a public university to receive the American Chemical Society Award for Research at an Undergraduate Institution, sponsored by the Research Corporation for Science Advancement. In 1994, Cal State L.A. nominated him for, and he was awarded, the systemwide California State University Trustees Outstanding



Courtesy of William T. Wimberley

Professor Award. In 1995, he was selected as the California Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Donald Dewey, dean of the School of Letters and Science, later Natural and Social Sciences, for 26 years of Tom's tenure at Cal State LA, commented on the occasion of one of Tom's awards, "Thomas Onak was a superstar in a superior department when I became his dean [in 1970], and he has continued to augment that outstanding record with each year that passes.

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He is an extraordinary man and an extraordinary teacher of undergraduate students."

A pioneer in the field of organoboron chemistry, specifically in the chemistry of carboranes, Tom contributed to the preparation and physical characterization of many structural families of these beautiful cage compounds composed of carbon and boron. These molecules have found broad application, including in biomedical science, chemical industry, and catalysis. Tom was also a strong contributor to the development of the theoretical framework for interpreting experimental results in carborane chemistry. He was recipient of some 45 grants that supported his research and the students that he trained in his research group. These grants, from agencies including the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, totaled more than five million dollars; a major portion of these funds supported undergraduate and graduate students through their Cal State LA studies. In recognition of his seminal contributions to the discovery and development of carborane chemistry, Tom was recipient of the 1992 Boron USA Award for Distinguished Achievements in Boron Chemistry.

His research output was both of exceptional quality and great quantity. It would have been the career envy of a scientist at a major research university, but it was all the more noteworthy that it was done at Cal State LA with undergraduate and master's student co-workers. Indeed, Tom's more than 140 research articles were published in the top chemistry journals because that is where his work would be read by the largest professional audience, and as a good mentor, where the contributions of his student coauthors would be most noted.

Tom held Cal State LA students in high regard, whether in his general chemistry course for freshmen, organic chemistry for majors, organic for nursing students, or special topics courses for master's students, or for those fortunate enough to join his research group and that investigated along with Tom the then new field of carborane chemistry. On the occasion of his selection as the 1995 California Professor of the Year, he said in an interview, "Cal State LA [has] given me the chance to contribute to the education of thousands of students in a fashion that has pleased and rewarded me . . . the students have been marvelous—it's been my experience that we have a special breed of students. The enthusiasm they show makes my teaching all the easier . . .. I care very much for our students, and for the diversity that one finds at Cal State LA. I remember with great pleasure many of those who took my classes in my formative teaching years. A good number of these students, I know firsthand, have gone on to professional schools and are themselves contributing to the education of students or to their professions . . .. It's satisfying to feel that I have had a chance to offer them as much time and energy as I physically and mentally could give. My life has been enriched by working with these inquisitive minds."

Tom was not only a mentor to his students, but also to his colleagues by example. He was sincerely a good and kind man, a wonderful colleague, and a brilliant chemist. Exceptionally mild-mannered, he demonstrated, without any boast, that an extremely high-quality research career was possible at a predominantly undergraduate institution; that undergraduates are capable of being creative collaborators and contributors to meaningful scientific research; and that one could be a brilliant scientist, good colleague, and a good friend. Colleague and former student Frank Gomez recalls, "As an undergraduate, I had the pleasure of working with Tom for three years. He had the ability to bring out the best in people. I don't feel that Tom ever looked at his chosen profession as work. To him, it was a way of life, and a happy one. To this day, he influences me."

Donald Dewey described Tom as a "Renaissance man . . . he balances a love of the arts with his passion for the sciences: he plays the piano and is a professional oboist who performed with the San Diego Symphony while a student at San Diego State." Tom was devoted to his wife Sharon, with whom he shared a love for music. Sharon, a special librarian at Caltech, was an accomplished cellist. She was also an accomplished golfer.

After his retirement in 1997, and participation in the Faculty Early Retirement Program, Tom and Sharon retired to the Presidio district of Tucson, where he continued scientific collaborations at the University of Arizona, continued their interest in music, and supported the local symphony orchestra. Sharon preceded Tom in death in 2016 after a short illness. They were married for 62 years.

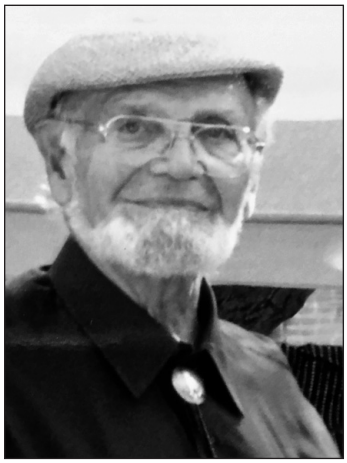
Thomas A. Rusch

Professor of Political Science, 1959-1980

Thomas A. Rusch, professor emeritus of political science, died on February 12 at the age of 99 in Paso Robles, where he had moved after he retired from the University. He taught full-time at Cal State LA from 1959 to 1980.

Tom was a 1941 history B.S. from Milwaukee State Teachers College, now the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. During World War II, he was a conscientious objector, stationed at camps for conscientious objectors in North Dakota and Glendora. After the war, he resumed his education at UCLA, where he received his M.A. in political science in 1948. He taught at the University of Kentucky for two years and then returned for his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, where he specialized in comparative politics and international relations. He received his doctorate in 1955. His area of the world was South Asia, and Tom consulted and ran institutes on South Asia throughout his career.

While at the University of Chicago, Tom was a research assistant at the Center for the Study of American Foreign and Military Policy. He also had a Ford Foundation Fellowship in India for 18 months, in 1953 and 1954. In 1955, he was the staff director for the Human Relations Area Files,



Courtesy of Ruth Rusch

subcontracted to Chicago from Yale University. He was a research consultant for the Modern India Project at the Institute of East Asiatic Studies at UC Berkeley in his final graduate year, 1954-55.

Once he received his Ph.D., Tom spent the first year continuing at the Modern India Project as a junior research political scientist. He was the program officer for South Asia for the Asia Foundation in San Francisco from 1956 to 1958. He then spent the 1958-59 year as an instructor at Oakland City College.

Tom joined the Cal State LA faculty in 1959 and directed an Institute of Asian and African Studies for the campus from 1960 to 1963. He chaired a committee on study abroad for the campus from 1962 to 1964 and was a member of the Chancellor's Statewide Advisory Committee on International Programs during that period. He did research in India on several occasions with campus and external support. He studied Hindi one summer at the University of Washington with National Defense Education Act support.

Between 1950 and 1974, Tom authored papers in the *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Political Science Review* (India), and *Journal of Politics*, plus a book chapter on political leadership in India. He presented papers at a variety of academic conferences, on topics ranging from the opposition in the Indian parliament to the confrontation between India and Pakistan, the Gandhian approach to international relations, the politics of violence and nonviolence, and even "Solar Energy vs. Nuclear Power," the latter before a panel dealing with the prospect of India's becoming a nuclear power.

On campus, Tom served on committees in the department and at the university level. Cam-

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puswide, most of his appointments dealt with studying abroad. In the department, he taught a variety of courses on comparative politics and international relations, in addition to courses specifically on South Asia and India. He was known for the thoroughness of his preparation of graduate students who went on for the Ph.D.

Tom lived in Pasadena, where he raised his family, later moving to Silver Lake and Camarillo before going to Paso Robles in 1988. While retired, he continued his interests in India, history, and politics, becoming a tireless worker for the local Democratic Party and liberal causes. He was a strong supporter of environmental issues and a lifelong believer in nonviolence. He had numerous plans for the future even just before his death, two months shy of his 100th birthday. He leaves his wife Ruth; daughters Deena, Pamela, and Miriam, and son-in-law David; one grandson; former wife Dorothy; and beloved dog Toby.

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Shutler

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Anthropology, 1988-1994

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Shutler, former provost and vice president for academic affairs and emerita professor of anthropology, died peacefully on February 15, 2018 in San Diego following complications from surgery.

Born in Oakland to Hal and Bess Hall, Betty and her sister Allice traveled extensively during their father's tenure as Santa Fe Railroad



Courtesy of the Shutler Family

Superintendent before settling in Berkeley. She loved theater and participated in many productions at Albany High School and UC Berkeley. She earned a B.A. degree from UC Berkeley in 1951, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Arizona, in 1958 and 1967, respectively. An anthropologist with broad interests, she conducted research, largely archaeological, in the Great Basin, California, the Southwest, Oceania (particularly Vanuatu), and Israel. Her first trip to Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides) in 1952, with then husband Richard Shutler, Jr. and noted Berkeley anthropologist Edward W. Gifford, began her interest in the archaeology of these islands and Oceania. Her children often accompanied her on field projects.

Betty lectured at the University of Nevada, Reno from 1959 to 1962, was visiting professor at Sacramento State University in 1962 and at UC Davis in 1962-63, and was adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii from 1965 to 1966. She joined the San Diego State University (SDSU) faculty in 1967 and taught many of the archaeologists who are founders or senior staff of San Diego consulting firms, as well as many students who became college and university professors. She was chair of the anthropology departments at SDSU and Washington State University. She became dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks before moving to the University of Wisconsin, Parkside, where she served as vice chancellor and dean of faculty, as well as acting chancellor.

In 1988, Betty came to Cal State LA as provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of anthropology. Following her official retirement in 1994, she returned to San Diego, where she then became dean of the College of Arts and Letters at National University until 2004, when she retired as dean emerita. She held academic positions as a professor of anthropology at Alaska, Fairbanks; Wisconsin, Parkside; and Cal State LA.

Betty authored numerous publications, research reports, and monographs. With Richard Shutler, Jr., she co-wrote *Oceanic Prehistory,* published in 1975. She was a research associate at the Nevada State Museum, Fellow of the American Anthropological Association, and member of the Society for American Archaeology, American Schools of Oriental Research, and other professional associations and honor societies. She was assistant field supervisor for Hebrew Union College excavations at Tel Gezer, Israel (1973 and 1974) and associate director for environmental studies and object registrar for the Lahav Research Project excavations at Tel Halif, Israel for more than a decade. In retirement, she was a member of the Board of Trustees at the San Diego Archaeological Center, a state-of-the-art research repository for San Diego's archaeological collections.

An avid gardener and excellent cook, Betty also loved cats and sports cars. During her last 21 years, she lived in Rancho Bernardo and was a devoted parishioner of San Rafael Catholic Church.

Betty is survived by sons John and Richard, daughter-in-law Susan, and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, Kathryn. A celebration of Betty's life was held on June 16, 2018 at the San Diego Archaeological Center in Escondido.

John Brent Wood

Reference Librarian, 1962-1999

John Brent Wood, emeritus reference librarian, died on July 5 at the age of 87. He was a periodicals librarian from 1962 to 1971 and headed the continuations section from 1971 to 1986.

John was born on December 21, 1931 on a farm near Conroe, Texas. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1955 and his M.A. degree from the University of Denver in 1956.

He began his career as a librarian at San Diego State University, where he served as a reference librarian, periodicals specialist, and



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head of circulation. In 1962, John accepted a position at Cal State LA, where he worked until his retirement in 1999.

John lived in Pasadena but he also had a condo in San Diego. Following his retirement, he loved making trips to San Diego, which he considered to be "paradise." He loved listening to singer Michael Feinstein, whom he had met on several occasions

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Memorial Conference

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with papers and multiple keynote addresses delivered in English and Spanish by distinguished scholars from the United States and Mexico. The conference also included two special events. Alejandra Flores, founder and artistic director of the Los Angeles Theatre Academy, gave a performance titled "I am Frida Kahlo" and Roberto Cantú presented the eighth volume of proceedings from the conferences, *A Scholiast's Quill: New Critical Essays on Alfonso Reyes*.

For more than a decade, the Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference has appropriately honored the memory of our colleague. Plans are under way to continue the conferences under the direction of Cal State LA faculty. When they are finalized, *The Emeritimes* will announce them.

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with his friend Lu Elrod, emerita professor of music; dining at seafood restaurants; a nice glass of pinot grigio; dry sherry along with almonds or dark chocolate; and studying the Shakespeare authorship question. A long-time member of the Shakespeare Authorship Roundtable, he proudly identified as an Oxfordian. The Oxfordian theory of Shakespeare authorship contends that Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, wrote the plays and poems traditionally attributed to William Shakespeare. Colleague Andrew Shroyer once quipped, "Mr. Wood is the most 'English' gentleman to ever hail from Texas."

John is survived by his sister, Vera, of Arlington, Texas.

Also Remembered:

WALTER D. NELSON
Associate Professor of History, 1959-1981

The University has learned of the recent death of Walter D. Nelson, associate professor of history, who taught at Cal State LA from 1959 until his retirement in 1981. Walter received his B.A. from Whitman College in 1949, his M.A. from Columbia University in 1950, and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1963 with a dissertation titled *British Radical Secularism: Unbelief from Bradlaugh to the Mid-Twentieth Century.* Although his area of specialization was British history, he also taught courses in European and U.S. history and was known for introducing aspects of popular culture into his teaching.

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The Emeriti Association was recently notified of the death of **Alan N. Crawford**, professor of education, on April 13. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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The Emeriti Association received word at press time of the death of **Lawrence P. (Pete) Goodman**, emeritus professor of theatre arts, on August 10. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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It was reported to the Emeriti Association at press time that **Sun K. (Sam) Kim**, emeritus professor of economics and statistics, died on August 9. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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The Emeriti Association received word that emeritus professor of microbiology **Rosemarie Marshall-Holt** died on July 9. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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The Emeriti Association was notified at press time that **Louis Negrete**, emeritus professor of Chicano studies, died on August 18. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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The Emeriti Association was recently notified of the death of **Alice V. Watkins**, professor of education, on April 13. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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Committee, Japanese Study Abroad Scholarship Review Committee, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing panels, and CSU Academic Council on International Programs. She was a board member of Teachers of Japanese in Southern California and the Association of Teachers of Japanese, and is an editorial board member of the journal, *Japanese Language and Literature*. Her research interests include reading processes and acquisition of reading skills in Japanese as a foreign language, and she has authored more than 40 publications and delivered more than 50 presentations in these areas, as well as on the topics of online learning, Asian language curriculum development, and Japanese language education in the United States. She was the director of the Japanese Studies Center and principal investigator and director of the Strategic Language Initiative Korean Program.

The Outstanding Professor awards went to **Mark Balaguer** (Philosophy), an influential philosopher with an international reputation who teaches courses on logic, critical thinking, and a broad range of philosophical topics and whose research is focused on metaphysics, the philosophy of mathematics, and free will; **Heidi Riggio** (Psychology), president-elect of the Western Psychological Association, whose primary research interests are in political attitudes, religiosity, sexuality, and personal relationships, who has mentored more than 50 graduate and dozens of undergraduate students working on research projects; **Deborah Won** (Electrical and Computer Engineering), co-developer of the minor degree and upper division specialization in biomedical engineering, whose research focuses on developing medical device technology for treating disorders of the nervous system, who has been the principal investigator or co-investigator on grants totaling approximately $1.9 million; and **Howard Xu** (Microbiology), director of an applied microbiology and biotechnology laboratory at Cal State LA where students conduct research on novel antibiotics and elucidation of mechanisms of pathogenesis of bacterial pathogens, who has been the principal investigator of more than $2 million and co-investigator of more than $11 million in grants. The recipient of the Outstanding Lecturer Award is **Jessica Bodoh-Creed** (Anthropology), who has taught 21 different courses in her nine years at Cal State LA, whose research focuses on the "*ER* Effect," the ways in which audiences learn medical information from fictional television shows, celebrity physicians, and pharmaceutical advertisements.

Forty-three new faculty members were also introduced at the convocation.

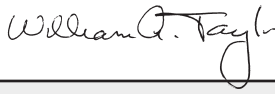
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exhibit celebrating SelfHelp Graphics and Art's 45 years of art and activism and a collection featuring seven decades of alumni art as part of Cal State LA's 70th anniversary. The Silvermans' gift will fund professional development to help students advance the arts community, as well as a lecture series in the College of Natural and Social Sciences focused on STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

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the goals and constitution reflect this. Over the past few years, the Emeriti Association executive committee has discussed the need to review our reasons for being and how the Association can best serve the needs of our members. The committee has concluded that it is timely to consider how the Association might better serve its members, and is therefore planning a spring semester retreat to consider future directions for the Association. Details will be forthcoming. All Emeriti Association members are strongly encouraged to attend and participate.

If you have comments or suggestions for the Emeriti Association, please email me at wtaylor@calstatela.edu.



Upcoming Lifelong Learning Program Presentations

The Lifelong Learning Program has three remaining talks in September, inaugurating the fall schedule. All are welcome.

Sept. 19 1:30 p.m.	Harold Goldwhite	"Murder Under the Microscope"	The Heights at Burbank
Sept. 20 11:00 a.m.	Andrew Winnick	"All About Medicare"	Montecedro Creative Living, Altadena
Sept. 24 1:30 p.m.	John Kirchner	"Patagonia: Land of Fire and Ice"	Hollenbeck Palms, Boyle Heights

For further information, or to volunteer to participate as a presenter, contact Peter Brier, director of the Lifelong Learning Program, at pbrier@yahoo.com or 626-376-0300.